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ENEMY TRENCHES GAINED BY FRENCH

Succeed at Dead Man's Hill Landing of Czar's Troops Hailand in Region of Douaumont.

TREMENDOUS ATTACK OF GERMANS FUTILE

Gen. Petain's Men Beat Back Foe Be- Forces Are Composed of Picked Men tween Thiaumont Farm and Vaux Pond.

LONDON, April 21 .- Offensive operations by the French on both banks of seaport. Marseille, is gay with bunt-the Meuse in the Verdun region have ing in honor of the arrival of a force resulted in the wresting of territory of Rusian troops-the first public manfrom the Germans.

Following up their success of vesterday in the region of Dead Man's hill, the resolutions of the Paris conferwhere the crown prince's troops were out of some elements of ernoon's Paris bulletin, captured addiand 150 men prisoner.

ch have been counter attacking lieves that the European war must be

French Statement.

The text of the French official statement reads:

West of the Meuse the attack undertaken yesterday by our troops in the region of Le Mort Homme (Dead Man hill) progressed during the night.

"East of the Meuse a violent bom-"East of the Meuse a violent bombardment of our positions was followed at the close of the day by a powerful offensive action by the enemy on a two-kilometer front between the Thiaumont farm and the pond of Vaux. The Germans who had gained a foothold in our line shouth of Fort Douamont and north of the pond were completely thrown back by our counter attacks during the night. Two cachine guns and a number of prisoners fell into our hands.

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"West of Douaumont, in the sector
south of Haudremont wood, we likewise made progress. We rescued some
wounded French prisoners and captured a score of Germans.

"The night was calm on the rest of the front, except in the region of Le Pretre wood, where our artillery was quite active."

Mametz a hostile raid failed to

our trenches.

—e have been some mining ac—day about the quarries and
south of Givenchy-en-Gohelle, in which advantage."

. !TALY'S FORCES FORTIFY NORTH EPIRUS HEIGHTS

Occupy Positions Near Greek-Albanian Frontier-Keep Up Artillery Action Against Austrians.

LONDON, April 21.-Italian forces have occupied Thanassi, Fagheon and Kiorka heights, in northern Epirus, near the Greek-Albanian frontier. They are fortifying these positions with heavy artillery.

sued from Rome says:

"Between the Adige river and Brenta the activity on both sides has been limited. Wednesday our artillery by an effective fire continued the demolition of Austrian forts in Luserna and Bel-

heavy gun, four machine guns, hundreds of rifles and large quantities of ammunition and provisions. enthusiasm

On the Isonzo front rain and fog have hampered our operations, but ou the inhabited center of San Martine the inhabited center of San Martine del Corso and at an ammunition depot southwest of the same locality. "An enemy aeroplane dropped bombs on Bassano, but without causing loss of life or damage to property."

MADMAN SLAYS NINE.

Austrian Landsturm Infantryman Also Wounds Many in Street.

LONDON, April 21.-Nine person were killed and many wounded in a street in the outskirt of Vienna by Leopold Fichter, a landsturm infantryman, who became insane while in charge of a police post, says an Am sterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Fichter began firing on those in the house with him. He then opened the window and fired upon the crowds in the street,

The Vienna firemen, called in an ef-fort to subdue the madman, played the hose on him, while he fired sixty more shots at them before dropping

Gen. Gallieni Undergoes Operation. PARIS, April 19 (delayed) .-- Gen Joseph Simeon Gallieni, who resigned as minister of war last March on account of illness, underwent an opera-tion today at Versailles for an affec-tion of the kidneys. The operation is reported to have been performed under satisfactory conditions.

FRANCE WARMLY **GREETS RUSSIANS**

ed as Sign of Allies' Unity.

SLAVS WILDLY CHEERED AND GENERALLY FETED

and Are Under Command of Gen. Lochwescy.

PARIS, April 21.-France's principal ifestation of greater cohesion and unity of the entente allies growing out of

The Associated Press correspondent trenches, Gen. Petain's forces returned who witnessed the disembarkation of to the attack and, according to this aft- the troops, was informed in a high an informal agreement which Japan guarter that the arrival of the Rustinal trenches and took four officers sians was chiefly a demonstration of cording to the agreement between Russia's friendship. The public attached special significance to the event. of the Meuse, where substantial Ger- It knows that the French army is not man gains were scored recently, the short of effectives, further, it ic-

and report having made gains in last decided on the western front, and feels, night's fighting. The repulse of a therefore, that the Russians have come beavy attack by the Germans on this so that all elements of the allied hosts may be represented when that decision is reached. Hence the Russians are looked upon as the heralds of happenings of great moment.

Ovation for Young Boy.

This feeling manifested itself in enthusiastic cheering as the drab colors law of men filed down the gangways and In addition we seized a trench on the northern outskirts of the Caurettes wood and made prisoner four officers and 150 soldiers.

Of men filed down the gangways and marched through the city singing their characteristic marching choruses. A Moscow boy of thirteen named Ignatieff, who has been adopted by one of tieff, who has been adopted by one of the regiments, was the first person to land. He received an ovation. He has been eight months on the Austrian front. The Russians are all picked men. Most of them are decorated with the St. George's cross. Some of them have four decorations. The men were delighted to get to their quarters after the sea voyage.

the sea voyage.

The French, British and Serbian officers stationed here are vying in feting the visitors. The general commanding the 15th Army District gave a dinner in honor of the Russian officers last night at which delegates of the government and the superior officers of the

allied forces were present.

The British official statement on the campaign in France and Belgium, issued last night, reports quite heavy fighting around Ypres. The Germans succeeded in penetrating the British line, capturing two craters and onterned. At other points they were repuised. The statement reads as follows:

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Statement at Cabinet Meeting.

After today's cabinet meeting it bear today's

Gen. Lochwescy Commands. Gen. Lochwescy commanded the Rus-

sian forces. He was received with military honors by Gen. Menassier, governor of Marseille, and Gen. Guerin ernor of Marseille, and Gen. Guerin, representing Gen. Joffre. A notable gathering of Russian and French officials joined in an exchange of salutations, and the Russian and French soldiers cheered in salvos while the cannon roared an exchange of salutes. The Russians were given a tremendous ovation as they marched from the quay to the Boulevard Maritime, where flags were flying and vast crowds had assembled. They presented a sturdy appearance as they swung along, waving their hands in answer along, waving their hands in answe to the enthusiastic cheering of The latest official communication is-camp, which had previously been pre pared for their reception and which populace. The men were marched to a

ontains every convenience for camp one of the happiest greetings they received was the appearance in a daily Russian newspaper, which had been started for their benefit, of the first news that Trebizond had been captured by their brother soldiers in the east.

"In the Col Di Lana the booty col-lected up to the present includes one Russians is a Russian church, similar Vast crowds surround the camp and his absence at army headquarters, office maintained by von Igle in New to the orthodox church in Paris. keep up a continuous demonstration of

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bined.....21,994 The Star is the shopping guide for thrifty buyers.

JAPAN FINDS PARTS OF BILL REPUGNANT

Opposes Inclusion in U. S. Law of Gentleman's Agreement Affecting Immigration.

PRESIDENT TALKS WITH **ENVOY AT WHITE HOUSE**

Memoranda at State Department Refer to Old Representations and Raise New Points.

Viscount Chinda, the Japanese am bassador, conferred with President Wilson today over the provision of the pending immigration bill which proposed to enact into law the so-called gentleman's agreement restricting the mmigration of Japanese laborers. Two nemoranda on the subject have been presented to the State Department.

The proposed inclusion in a law, o has promised on honor to fulfill, acformer Secretary Root and former Ambassador Takahira, is understood to be repugnant to the Japanese govern

Object to Other Features.

Other proposed Asiatic exclusion fea tures in the bill as it has passed the House and has been reported to the Senate are understood to be subjects of objection.

For many obvious reasons the atti-tude of the administration is said to be one of disinclination to irritate the between Japan and the United States which has been smolder-ing since the California anti-alien land negotiations went into an indefin the stage three years ago this spring. Administration officials are not unmindful of anti-Asiatic sentiment in Congress, particularly among members from the Pacific coast states, and their constant endeavor has been to allay it. The United States never has replied

land law Had Reached Deadlock.

PAPERS, IF IDENTIFIED,

TO BECOME GERMANY'S

United States, However, to Retain

Photographs of Those Seized in

subjects of an unusual nature which had

not before come to the attention of this government. Definite connection with the German embassy would be confirmed, it was believed, by a declaration that the documents are official.

If none of the documents is declared of-

scial, it was understood, the United States

will use them all in the prosecution of von Igel, his associates and possibly others as

ing regret for the seizure was not an-nounced, but such action is believed prob-

able.

It also was suggested that the State
Department might delay action until the
submarine dispute with Germany assumed

Embarrassment to the Embassy.

The embarrassing necessity would

seem to confront the German embassy

seizure or inspection among those in-

York, in case—as is believed by gov-

office was rented by von Igle in his own

not known to the public, there are in-dications that the German embassy's

Implication and pro-German activities objectionable to the United States may

regarded as unfortunate that the mat ter comes to a crisis at this time, whe the German situation is so acute as re gards submarine warfare.

SECRETARY REDFIELD HOST.

Association of Fisheries Commission-

ers Taken on River Trip.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 21.-Sec

retary Redfield was host yesterday to

the National Association of Fisheries

Commissioners on a trip down the

Cape Fear river to Fort Caswell, which

was inspected by the Secretary and his

guests. The trip was made aboard the

lighthouse tender Cypress, on which

the final session of the annual conven-

It was announced that the next an-

ion was held.

constitute a case as grave as which caused the recall of the trian ambassador, Baron Dumba.

tographic copies.

The last that was said on the subject was said by former Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Chinda, when the negotiations got into the stage of apparent deadlock, and the ambassador, on taking his departure from a conference at Secretary Bryan's office, in-quired if he were to transmit the last word of the United States to his government. To that Secretary Bryan re-

marck road.

its infantry penetrated our line, list has been ejected everywhere extra at St. Eloi, where he captured two craters, and on the Ypres-Langer road, where he retains one line fleet in the harbor manned the bands of the fleet took up the Russian national anthem as the first transport, Latouche road, where he retains one line die landing to extend the arrivals a welcome. The sailors of the French fleet in the harbor manned the yard-arms of their vessels and the bands of the fleet took up the Russian national anthem as the first transport, Latouche land in was said at the Secretary Lansing was considering that Secretary Lansin

anthem as the first transport, Latouche Treville, drew up.

The Russian officers and sailors were lined up along the decks and on the bridges of the transports and the Russian bands played the "Marseillaise." As the debarkation began cheers went up from the Russians on the transports.

The question will be taken up by President Wilson with Senate and House leaders, and it is expected that an agreement probably will be reached which will avoid difficulty. The question has already been discussed tentatively. Administration leaders say they expect no real difficulty.

OFFICIALS HERE AWAIT REPORT FROM BERLIN

One of Their Chief Concerns Is as to Possible Attack on Ships While Case Is Pending.

Word from Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, that he had delivered the American note to the German government and some indication from him as to a definite stage. how it was received were awaited with keen expectancy by administration officials today.

Unofficial advices early today saying that the ambassador had presented the to determine what are official diplomatcommunication to the German foreign ic papers entitled to immunity from office last evening, and that the chancellor had not yet seen it because of criminating documents seized in the were read with interest by officials. Pending Germany's reply to the ernment officials in Washington-that

United States' demands that she imme-United States' demands that she immediately abandon the present methods of conducting submarine warfare, one of the chief concerns of officials here is the possibility of another attack on a ship carrying Americans. It was admitted that an immediate rupture could only be prevented by proof that Germany had been unable to communicate with her submarine commanders.

Office was rented by von Igle in his own name as a real estate office. It is not a part of the functions of American authorities under such conditions, it would seem, to discriminate between any of the papers seized. The embassy must pick and choose, and in doing so will naturally reveal its interest in the papers.

While the contents of the papers are not known to the public, there are interest in the German embassy.

Delayed by Holiday.

How long the United States will wait for the German reply has not been indicated. It is suggested that the German foreign office may be delayed in replying immediately because of a series of religious holidays in Germany, which begin today and continue until Tuesday.

until Tuesday.

Secretary Lansing, who conferred with the President before the cabinet meeting, said he did not expect any action until a reply was received from Germany or unless another ship carrying Americans were torpedoed by a German submarine. He said that in case diplomatic relations between the two nations were broken the work of the United States in caring for the diplomatic interests of Germany in other countries in all likelihood would be suspended.

Col. P. F. Brown a Candidate.

Special Dispatch to The Star, RICHMOND, Va., April 21.—Col. legislator and Confederate veteran, to-day announced his candidacy for sec-retary of the commonwealth.



Work Rushed at Charlestown Navy Steamer Goes Down in Six Minutes. Yard as Measure of Preparedness, It Is Explained.

BOSTON, April 21.-Seven thousand blue jackets at the Charlestown navy yard were put in overalls today for the Dutch steamship Lodewijk van Nassau purpose of making the thirty war veswith the arrest of Wolf von Igel which sels in the harbor ready for sea at the earliest possible hour. It was authortatively stated that virtually every ship would be at the top-notch of efficiency in fifteen days.

because of the difficulty in obtaining wireless dispatch of April 9 said she against the loan sharks in Washingsufficient civilian mechanics. Half of had been held up in the Downs by the the 7,000 had been recalled from furloughs and shore leaves.

Measure of Preparedness. "It is a measure of preparedness," it The vessel was built in 1913, and own-

stood that they will be returned to was officially explained, "the necessity ed in Amsterdam. One was 325 f long. Her gross tonnage was 3,397. him, but it was said to be the present intention of officials to keep the pho- of which was increased by the fact that we have been handicapped for months by a shortage of civilian work-Disclose New Details.

Officials were interested today in learning if Count von Bernstorff would declare any documents to be the property of the German embassy.

The papers were said to disclose several subjects of an unusual nature which had destroyers, three scout cruisers, one

destroyers, three scout cruisers, one submarine and several auxiliary ships.

No Special Orders at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, April 21 .- At the Norfolk avy yard today it was said that no special orders have been received. There has been no necessity for putting Whether Secretary Lansing would send the blue jackets to work overhauling note to Ambassador Bernstorff expressing regret for the seizure was not another than the blue jackets to work overhauling warships since there are enough mechanics available for the purpose.

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the new bureau offers "Helps to Housewives," a pamphlet of special interest in the home.

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AS DANISH SHIP SINKS

British Vessels Also Lost.

LONDON, April 21.-A Lloyds dis patch from Ymuiden, Holland, says the was sunk yesterday afternoon. She went down in six minutes. Five of her crew were drowned. Thirty-six survivors have been landed at Ymuiden. The Lodewijk van Nassau sailed from

Chile in February with a cargo o British authorities since March 22, and that her detention had aroused public opinion in Holland, as the Dutch farm-

British Steamer Sunk.

The British steamer Cairngowan has home port was Newcastle. The steamer sailed from Garston, on the Mersey, April 10, for Hampton roads.

The British bark Ravenhill was sunk Tuesday. The crew was saved and landed yesterday, according to Lloyd's. ed for thirty hours in an open boat on a rough sea and suffered greatly until picked up by the Dutch steamer Ocean. The Ravenhill was a vessel of one and belonged in Liverpool. was last reported as having sailed from Port Natal, January 14, for Falmouth. The Danish steamer England, bound The Danish steamer England, bound from Boulogne for Copenhagen, has been captured in the Cattegat by the Germans and taken into Swinemuende according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen.

Taken Into Kirkwall. The following steamers have been

taken into Kirkwall: Danish liner Oscar II, New York to Copenhagen, with a general cargo, mails and passengers. Dutch liner Ryndam, Rotterdam to New York, with a general cargo, mails

and passengers. Dutch steamers Westerdijk, in bal last, from Rotterdam to New York; Osterdyk, Rotterdam to Boston with a general cargo, and Bowean, Amsterdam New York, in ballast. Norwegian steamers Munedal, Balti-more to Bergen, with maize, rye and barley; Nornega, Havana and New Orleans to Gothenburg, with a general

Swedish steamers Baden, Baltimore

GERMANS TO AID DUTCH.

Will Collaborate in Inquiry in Regard to Tubantia. LONDON, April 21.-The following

statement, issued by the Dutch foreign office, comes from Reuter's correspondent at The Hague: "The German government, acting i

accordance with a request of the Netherlands government, has consented to collaborate with the Netherlands government in order to as rtain the identity of the torpedo which struck the Tubantia."

Americans Missing at Front. OTTAWA, April 21.-The overseas

asualty list, issued last night, names Frank Goyer of St. Paul as missing, and believed killed in action; George W. Coover of Cincinnati, as missing and believed wounded.

WANT LOAN RATES

Committee in Interest of the Smith Bill.

WOULD PERMIT MONTHLY

Legislators Informed Poor Borrowers Now Are Taxed 179 Per Cent a Year by Sharks in Virginia.

Asserting that poor borrowers in the were other members of the co

The witnesses all disclaimed any inerest whatever in the money lending ousiness, other than to have the law in case of emergency and who have no

the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Citizens' Associations, the District Commissioners, the Monday Evening Club and the Associated Charities.

"No one that I know of in the District is against this legislation," he said, "except those who desire higher rates than 2 per cent a month."

Questions by members of the District committee drew from Mr. Baldwin the statement that the law in Virginia permitted a charge of much higher rates, both for pawnbrokers and lenders of money on notes than 2 per cent a states had laws compelling a less ration than 2 per cent a month for such loans, though very many had much higher rates.

crusade year. I know of such rates having been paid.

4,017 tons, was built in 1911. Her ness and receiving from 179 to 188 per

in the District at the rate of 2 per cent a month, the poor borrowers of the District would be saved \$1,000 a week in interest. He said that brokers had testified that they would do business in the District if the rate were in-creased to 2 per cent a month.

PREACHER TO BE SOLDIER.

GREENVILLE, S. C., April 21.-H. man by birth and once served as cap-tain of the Queen's Westminster Vol-unteers, in the British territorial army.

Fireman Frank Cook was killed and Engineer H. W. Anderson was badly injured when they jumped from a Chi-Swedish steamers Baden, Baitimore to Stockholm, with wheat: Alida, Galveston to Odense, with cottonseed cake; Sydiand, Tampa to Stockholm, with phosphates; Inland, Gothenburg to Tampa, in ballast; Boren, Christiania to Boston, with a general cargo.

Danish motor ship California, Copenhagen to Boston, with a general cargo.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at 11 a.m.

Resumed discussion of good roads bill providing federal aid on state projects. Judiciary committee again fail-

Consideration of agricultural appropriation bill, including forestry problems, renewed.

SHIFT U.S. TROOPS ALONG THE BORDER

ONE CENT.

force Gen. Pershing if **Necessity Arises.**

WAIT ON WASHINGTON BEFORE CROSSING LINE

Locating Villa on Reliable Mexican Information" Is Now Principal Pastime on Boundary.

EL PASO, Tex., April 21.-Movements of American troops from points along cated that American troops were awaitng developments at Washington before making any further effort to capture

Officials of the de facto government said there was no basis for the reports that uprisings were imminent in north ern Durango and lower Chihuahua. It was explained at Juarez that the movement of the Carranza troops into the Parral district was not intended as a threat to bar the further advance of the American forces, but that the de facto soldiers had been sent there to preserve border order and prevent destruction of private property.

Thinks Purpose Is Accomplished.

Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul. said today that the work of the American expedition was concluded and that he hoped that in a few days the order would come from Washington for the troops to be withdrawn. "We have

will still lives his prestige is de-stroyed."

Mr. Garcia said the government on the 1st of next month will demand that all import and export duties be paid in gold. The Mexican consul did not credit the reports that the law demand-ing gold for such duties would create trouble.

trouble.
The continued absence o The continued absence of any confirmation of the report of the death of Francisco Villa has revived again the popular industry in El Paso of locating the bandit. During the last two days he has been successively reported, from "reliable Mexican sources." as in Durango, Zacatecas and Coahuila. His last location was given today by a Mexican railroad man as at San Isidro, a little town about thirty miles south of Parral, in Durango.

Little Faith in Stories.

Little credence is placed in these stories here by Americans and Mexicans who are in the best position to secure reliable news from the interior. There is a strong belief here that Villa has never been as far south as Parral, and that the real reason for the outbreak against ti

in a veritable invasion of Mexico.

With the troops marking time, awaiting the decision from Washington which has existed on the border the expedition crossed the international line.

No Change in Juarez.

Both Mexican and American army officers and officials admit that the uncertainty has caused a delicate situation, but there has not been the slightest indication in Juarez that the Mexicans in that town have changed their

attitude of restraint.

Gen. Gavira renewed today his repeated statements that the Carranza leaders had no hostile intentions toward the American columns, while they felt that the time had come for the recall of the expedition. No news has been received in Juarez

No news has been received in Juarez regarding the party headed by Gen. Cavazos and Col. Carlos Carranza, which set out last Sunday to search for the supposed grave of Villa. In reply to a query sent by Gen. Gavira, Gen. Gutierrez, military commander in Chihuahua, replied today that he had heard nothing of the party since it left Cusihuirlachic.

Scott-Funston Meeting Tonight, SAN ANTONIO, Tex. April 21 Pube ic interest here today is centered in the conference in the Mexican situation which will be held here between Gen Scott, chief of staff of the army, and Gen. Funston. Gen. Scott will arrive tonight. It is not probable that he will go to El Paso before returning to

go to El Paso before returning Washington. The 17th Infantry left Eagle Pass for Columbus last night. This is one of the regiments taken from border patrol duty to strengthen Gen. Pershing's command. The 6th Cavalry is expected to leave Harlingen tomorre

Data on Mexican Situation Is Laid Before the Cabinet by President Wilson Today All data at hand bearing on the Mex-

can situation received at the State and War departments were submitted to the abinet today. President Wilson and his official advisers reviewed the Mexican problem fully for the first time since Gen. Carranza urged that the American expeditionary forces be withdrawn.

drawn.

It was regarded as unlikely, however, that any important action would be taken by the cabinet pending receipt of full advices as to the military problems the troops have encountered in Mexico. This information probably will not be available until the return of Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, who has gone to the border to observe the situation and report to Secretary of War Baker. He is due at San Antonio, Tex., tonight, where he will confer with Gen. Funston.

The Washington government, it is

confer with Gen. Funston.
The Washington government, it is learned, already has acknowledged Carranza's note asking that negotiations for the withdrawal of the troops be taken up. He was assured his arguments were being studied, although there was no indication that a keply

Today's Star Contains Two Parts.

IN DISTRICT RAISED

Citizens Appear Before Senate Forces Being Moved to Rein-

CHARGE OF 2 PER CENT

District of Columbia were being harged interest on loans ranging from 179 to 188 per cent per annum by loan sharks doing business across the 'otomac river, a citizens' committee today appeared before the Senate District committee in the interest of the Smith bill, which would permit lenders of money to charge 2 per cent a month on loans in the District. The supporters of the bill argued that the present law which permits only 1 per cent a month had driven all the money lenders out of business here, with the result that needy borrowers had to go over the river, where they were charged anywhere from 3 per cent a month up.
William Le Baldwin, chairman of the citizens' committee, made the principal statement to the District committee. Others who addressed the committee in support of the bill were Henry White, former United States ambassador to France; Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Wainwright, and Evan Tucker, president of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association. Walter S. Ufford of the Associated Charities and Dr. George M. Kober and George Wilson of the board of charities were other members of the committee anywhere from 3 per cent a month up.

Pisclaim Interest in Business.

amended so that the needy borrowers "The Villa cause is broken, and if of the District, who must have money Villa still lives his prestige is decollateral or other security to put up, may obtain money at lower rates of interest than now is possible.

They insisted there was need of remedial legislation along this line.

Mr. Baldwin told the committee that the pending bill had been indorsed by the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Ederation of Citizens.

money on notes than 2 per cent a month, and that no other cities or

470 Per Cent a Year. against the loan sharks in Washington," said Mr. Baldwin, "the rate of interest was in many cases 470 per cent a

"Now the loan sharks have been driven out of Washington. One pawnbroker. Horning, has an office open here, but does all his business across the river in Virginia, at 3 per cent a month. He tried to do business of lending on notes been sunk, according to Lloyd's. Her and chattel mortgages, but gave that crew was saved. The steamer was not up some time ago. There are three armed. The Cairngowan, a vessel of concerns, however, doing such a busi-

> Mr. Baldwin told the committee that in the case of Horning alone, if pawn-brokers were permitted to lend money in the District at the rate of 2 per cent

South Carolina Rector Resigns to Fight With the British.

Buchanan Ryley, Episcopal rector of this city, will leave the ministry in order to volunteer in the British army, according to an announcement he made here. Mr. Ryley is an English-

EXPLOSION BRINGS DEATH.

Fireman Killed and Engineer In jured in Leap From Train. STEWARTSVILLE, Mo., April 21.

Senater

ed to reach a vote on the nomi-nation of Louis D. Brandels to the Supreme Court. Houses Met at 11 a.m.

Resolution of inquiry regarding detention of Samuel Schwartz, an American, by the British authorities, introduced by Representative Bennet of New York.